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REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD MAN

(By a Veteran.)

As age advances the mind of a man is disposed to dwell on the past. He is carried back in memory to the days of his childhood, and to his young manhood. Having passed the first thirty years of my life on Long Cane I have concluded to put on paper some of the facts and occurrences of Bradley's old field and its vicinity. This old field is now devoted to the cultivation of cotton, but it was not always so. It was once famous for its cavalry drills which occurred at least once a year, July the fourth was the day. This of course, was before the War between the States. On each succeeding fourth of July the Washington Light Dragoons with splendid uniforms, clanking sabres, their heads ornamented with caps with red plumes, booted and spurred mounted on good horses vied with each other for the honors of the occasion. As you neared the place you would see your friends and neighbors all traveling to the same place, and long before you reached the spot, you would see the smoke arising from the pit and catch the aroma that comes from meat that is being barbecued and see that veteran cook and humprist, Uncle Tom Link, superintending the cooking. Fifty or sixty hogs and sheep are on the pit being basted by negroes as they cook, great pots of hash, Irish potatoes and roasting ears. What an appetite! the thought of such a feast gives a man after the lapse of years.

Old aunt Delia Bosdel and Uncle Billy are there with a two horse load of ginger cakes and cider, and such ginger cakes! They were at least two inches thick, three inches wide and six inches long and good to any boy, in fact the boy that never has eaten one of them and drunk a glass of that cider does not know what he has missed, all for an old fashioned thrip cents, (6-1-4.)

The morning would be devoted to a cavalry drill and wind up with a cavalry charge. In these charges the company was divided into two parts, the captain commanding one and the first lieutenant the other half. After maneuvering for a while the two commands, withdrawn swords and charging horses would come together. On one of these occasions Scott McFarlan and James Dowtin collided. Horses and riders both went down, Dowtin with a cut on his forehead from the sword, Scott escaped unhurt. He was a long, lean, lank old bachelor and as the second set of horses reached him, he cocked up one leg and the horses jumped him.

In the evening comes the Tournament. For those who have never seen a real tournament, would say that there are two posts about fifteen paces apart, with loose heads on them, the third post that has a ring attached to it, then riding in a half circle about three hundred yards, your horse jumps an obstruction. While horse and rider are both in the air take another ring. This is no mean achievement, as many have found out to their cost, for frequently horse and rider both went down. The rider was allowed six cuts and a thrust at the first three posts, this was for the two heads and ring. This with a sword, not with a lance or spear. Pleasant days, long to be remembered.

Then comes a long and cruel war. At this same old field this community was called to meet. A call for volunteers had been made and we were expected to furnish our quota. At this same old field were organized three full companies of infantry, also one of men from forty-five to fifty years old, one of militia and a part of two companies of cavalry. I wish that I could re-

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FINAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIELD DAY

Details of the Athletic Events and
Declamation Contest Friday.

To the Teachers of the County:

Again allow me to call your attention to the Field Day on Friday, April 16th, at Abbeville.

You may not be in a position to take an active part yet all teachers, trustees, parents and especially pupils can help to make the day a success by being present. Urge all of your pupils to come with you.

If you, or any of your pupils who are in the contests, wish to stay in Abbeville either Thursday or Friday night, or both, send names to Miss Mae Robertson, who has secured homes for anyone wishing to stay.

Please notify R. J. Syfan, Abbeville, chairman committee on Declamation, not later than Wednesday, of names of your pupils who will enter Declamation contest. Because of the large number entering this contest, a preliminary contest must be held which has been fixed for Thursday night by the committee.

All class room contestants must be at the office of Graded school building not later than ten o'clock on Friday morning and report to Miss Florence Bradford, chairman Class room contests.

At 12 o'clock sharp, the parade will start at the Graded school—see to it that your school and float are in line on time.

The ladies of the city are preparing to serve to each pupil and teacher present, a lunch. A ticket will be given to each pupil in the line for parade. This will entitle pupil to lunch at the Fair Grounds but does not admit pupil to the grounds.

An admission of ten cents will be charged to all school children, and others under eighteen years of age. All others will be charged twenty-five cents.

The association has offered a large prize list and it is necessary to charge a small admission fee in order to raise the money.

The school exhibits alone will be well worth the admission. A fine spirit to excel and to place an exhibit creditable to any school is being shown by a large number of schools.

Can't yours be one of them? The athletic contest is getting very exciting and the boys are doing hard training.

The declamation contests are creating a great deal of interest as shown by so large a number entering. Four beautiful medals have been bought to be given to the winners.

Why shouldn't your school take one or two back as trophies?

The regular declamation contest will be held in the Opera House Friday night, beginning at eight o'clock sharp. Admission: school children, and others under eighteen years of age, 15 cents; all others 25 cents.

H. B. Blakely, chairman committee exhibits, will be at Fair Building after 2 p. m. Thursday. All exhibits entering for prizes must be placed in time for judges Friday, not later than eleven o'clock.

All entries for Athletics must report to R. E. Moody, chairman committee, not later than 2 p. m. Friday at Fair Ground race track.

Remember that you are a part of the educational forces of this county and that we need you and your school. Be present, if you can do no more, it will add to the success of the undertaking, and you and your pupils will spend a very pleasant day—would a parade of two thousand children look good to you? Help make it.

R. B. Cheatham,
Pres. A. C. T. A.

If cotton sells for fifteen of twenty cents this fall, it will take a magnifying glass to find the politician who will admit that he advised farmers to plant corn, oats and other crops instead of cotton. In fact we will not admit it ourselves.

General News

March 1915 was an extraordinary month from a weather standpoint, according to a bulletin issued today by the weather bureau. Not since extensive records were begun, more than 40 years ago, has the weather over the southeastern portions of the country been so continuously cold, says the bulletin.

Dr. James E. Daniels, of Greenville, has received an appointment as second assistant surgeon in the Belgian Relief Work, and will sail on April 17th from New York. Dr. Daniel is a son of Rev. J. Walter Daniel, and is well known in Abbeville, where his father lived for four years.

Germany has lost forty-three generals in the present war, out of a total of four hundred and eighty.

Major J. L. Coker, the founder of Coker College, has just made an additional gift to it of \$120,000. This money will be used to build a general service building, and to equip a chemical, biological, and physical laboratory. Major Coker has given over half a million dollars to the college.

The recent cold weather has retarded the growth of North Carolina truck about ten days or two weeks. The strawberries were killed in the first bloom, but it is estimated that there will be shipped from Chadbourn alone at least 800 cars. The Atlantic Coast Line counts on hauling at least three hundred cars of lettuce.

The estimates of the South Carolina wheat crop are being made up and it is said that \$16,000,000 will be derived by the state for the crop. York County leads in acreage, having six thousand acres sown. Over 45,000 acres are claimed for the state.

A club of women at Murrel's Inlet are going into the business of raising bulbs for the market. They will grow snow drops, narcissus, jonquils, hyacinths, Bermuda lillies, dahlias, Iris, Parma Violets, chrysanthemums and pansies. The soil on the abandoned rice fields of the low country has a monopoly of the bulb trade of the world.

The big German merchant ship, Prinz Eitel Frederick, which came into the harbor at New Port News, three weeks ago for repairs, has interned there until the close of the war. The Prinz Eitel is the ship which sunk the William P. Frye. She came from Chinese waters to take part in the war and has had a most remarkable career for the past seven months. Her crew will make their home on board the ship but will be given shore leave around Norfolk and nearby points.

John W. Gregory of Union, has turned down the job offered him by Congressman Johnson and Senator Tillman on the grounds that he is not an expert accountant and he feels that he could not hold it down. His work would have been in the internal revenue department and carried a salary of three thousand. Mr. Gregory is going back on the old saying of the Democrats that "few die and none resign."

The Wofford students celebrated their victory over Clinton in a base ball game last week by having a parade up street and in breaking into a moving picture show. It was easier to get into the show than to get out for the doors were locked until the police got the names of every boy. They were up before the council the next morning and Mayor Floyd gave them a scorching lecture and sentenced them all to buy a ticket to the Music Festival this week.

The German Government has taken steps to revive the trade in Brussels lace in Germany so that the women of North Belgium may find employment and get a good

KITCHENER DECIDES TO WAIT NO LONGER

Makes Up His Mind to Secure Munitions of War.

London, April 6.—Lord Kitchener has decided to wait no longer for the workmen of Great Britain voluntarily to take up the task of manufacturing munitions of war necessary for the prosecution of the combat and has appointed a committee to obtain sufficient labor for this purpose.

The war office announced tonight that Lord Kitchener had appointed a committee to take necessary steps to provide such additional labor as may be required to make it certain that the supplies of war munitions shall be sufficient to meet all requirements.

Lord Kitchener has appointed George McCauley Booth to take charge of his munitions committee. Mr. Booth is a partner in the firm of A. Booth & Co., and a director in the Booth Steamship Company.

"We shall concentrate," Mr. Booth added, "on the output of guns and shells and I suppose other committees will be appointed to deal with other military necessities."

price for their labor. Heretofore the agent, or middleman made the profit while the maker of the lace was very poorly paid.

F. Hopkinson Smith, an author, who has written many pleasant books, died in New York last week, age seventy-seven.

Greens, in Greenville county, was visited by a terrible storm last week and three people were struck by lightning. One woman was struck, knocked unconscious and her baby thrown out of her arms and badly hurt. The woman's lower limbs were paralyzed.

The Southern Power Company will soon begin the erection of a large power plant at Fishing Creek, three miles above Great Falls in this state. This plant, in connection with Great Falls and Rocky Creek, will generate over one hundred horse power of electrical current. The plant will be finished by September 1st.

The students of the University have organized a prohibition club. It has been made a link in the National Intercollegiate Association.

The Greenville City Council has appointed a committee of twelve women as censors of the moving pictures and the vaudeville shows being given in that city every night.

The English railroads are doing away with their dining cars with an idea of economizing both in men and money. The men are needed as soldiers.

Hundreds of thousands of packages of seed, provided and distributed at Uncle Sam's expense, are being poured into the mails from the Capital. Each Senator and Representative is shipping 28,000 packages of the seed, mostly vegetables, to constituents in his State. Each packet contains five different varieties, making a total of close to 75,000,000 packages of seeds furnished free by Congress to the agricultural constituencies annually.

If the Seaboard decides to put on a gas car from Abbeville to Greenwood, we have several men in mind who will be able to furnish the gas.

If Secretary Bryan can induce the Democratic party to stand for prohibition, he will be forgiven for many things.

The South Carolina Relief ship for the Belgians arrived at Dar-mouth on March 28th.

M. P. DE BRUHL

Dies in the City of Columbia,
Buried at Abbeville.—An Able
Lawyer.

Marshall P. DeBruhl, State code commissioner, died last Tuesday, at 1925 Preston street, Shandon, the home of his niece, Mrs. William W. Holmes, and was brought to Abbeville Thursday and laid to rest.

Mr. DeBruhl was for years a member of the Abbeville delegation in the lower house of the general assembly. He was during that time a useful member of the judiciary committee of the house. Several acts of constructive character, were put upon the statute books through his efforts, but the legislation of his introducing in which he took most satisfaction was that whereby was established the system under which State property is insured through the sinking fund commission at a considerable saving.

Mr. DeBruhl was assistant attorney general for three terms under J. Fraser Lyon and held the same post for a short time under the present attorney general, Thomas H. Peebles. He was elected State code commissioner at the last session of the general assembly. Mr. DeBruhl was for a while a member of the Columbia law firm of DeBruhl, McLaughlin & Smith, his partners being Jesse McLaughlin and Mendel L. Smith. Lately he had practiced alone.

Native of Abbeville.

Marshall Pringle DeBruhl was born in Abbeville some 60 years ago. His father was Stephen Carr DeBruhl of Abbeville, his mother, Susan Kaminer of Abbeville. The latter lies buried in the inclosure of the First Presbyterian church, Columbia. He read law in Columbia, in the office of W. A. Clark, now president of the Carolina National bank, and on being called to the bar began practice in Abbeville. There he was associated in early manhood with Judge Thomas Thomson and Armistead Burt. He was in partnership for some time with the late W. O. Bradley, who afterward held an appointment in the treasury department at Washington. Another firm which was prominent at the Abbeville bar for many years was that of DeBruhl & Lyon, the partners being Mr. DeBruhl and J. Fuller Lyon, now a member of the staff of the State treasurer. Mr. DeBruhl's legislative service began in 1898.

Mr. DeBruhl moved to Columbia in 1907 to become assistant to the attorney general, Fraser Lyon, son of his former law partner. On his retirement, shortly after the present attorney general took office, Mr. DeBruhl was an invalid for more than a year. He had never quite regained his health, but in recent months had been stronger and had entered with his usual painstaking care on his work as State code commissioner.

Able Equity Lawyer.

Mr. DeBruhl, long ago made a solid reputation in his profession. He was recognized as exceptionally able and sound in equity practice, and all his work was accurate and thorough. His character inspired respect and confidence and his manners and disposition procured him general liking.

Mrs. DeBruhl, born Kate C. Calhoun of Beech Island, near Augusta, died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. DeBruhl leave two children, E. C. DeBruhl, an electrical supply dealer of Greenville, and Miss Louise Calhoun DeBruhl, of Columbia. Among their nephews and nieces are: Mrs. W. W. Holmes, J. W. R. Pope and Miss Nellie S. Pope; Mrs. David A. Henning, Greenville. No services were held in Columbia. The funeral took place at the Methodist church Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. O. Cantey officiating. Mr. DeBruhl was for many years an officer in this church. The interment was at Melrose cemetery.

The pallbearers were as follows: Honorary, Edwin Calhoun, Eugene B. Gary, R. M. Haddon, Dr. F. E.

PROGRAM OF THE U. D. C.'S

Adopted At the Last Meeting, Beginning March 1915, Ending February 1916.

March 9—A History of the Abbeville Chapter U. D. C.—Mrs. F. J. Marshall.

April 13—Snail Day.—Mrs. A. B. Morse and Mrs. E. R. Thomson.

May 11—Memorial Day.—Mrs. W. R. Bradley. Selection—Mrs. P. B. Speed.

June 8—A list of the Officers from Abbeville, who served in the Confederate Army.—Mrs. J. F. Bradley. Selection—Mrs. C. J. Lyon.

July 13—Hospital Work in Abbeville during the War.—Mrs. Lucy C. Thomson. Selection—Mrs. Fred Cason.

August 10—Signers of the Ordinance of Secession from Abbeville.—Miss Mae Robertson. Selection—Mrs. A. M. Stone.

September 14—Records of Deeds of Bravery of Abbeville Soldiers, and Incidents of Battle, as told by Veterans now living.—Mrs. Frank Wilson.

Selection—Mrs. R. S. Link.

October 12—Mrs. Davis in Abbeville.—Miss Kate Marshall. Selection—Mrs. Sherard.

November 9—Abbeville County's Part in Secession.—Mrs. W. O. Cromer.

Selection—Mrs. W. A. Calvert.

December 14—Secession Day.—Mrs. W. W. Bradley. Selection—Mrs. J. H. Moore.

January 11—First Aid to the State.—Miss Antoinette Russell.

Selection—Miss Mae Robertson.

February 8—President Davis' Cabinet and its last Meeting in Abbeville.—Mrs. R. E. Hill.

Selection—Miss Maggie Brooks.

The Civic Club.

The Civic Club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon in the club rooms over Philson and Henry's store. The usual number of ladies was in attendance and the meeting was a pleasant one.

Delegates to the Federation were elected, Mrs. J. C. Hill being chosen. Mrs. Frank B. Gary as chairman of the Educational Committee will attend and Mrs. M. T. Coleman will attend as a member of the Constitutional Committee.

Miss Martha Platt was a guest of the Club and told of her work in the County in the Tomato Canning Clubs. Miss Platt has been most successful and her talk was listened to with interest.

A very creditable exhibit of the cooking class was shown, the lessons this month being in pastry and Mrs. Gary being the instructor.

Mrs. W. R. Bradley and Miss Maggie Brooks were the hostesses, and served tea and crackers.

Business Much Better Decares Mr. Wilson.

Washington, April 6.—Reports on business conditions in the United States made to President Wilson show a steady improvement. The president told callers today that business was becoming less "spotty" and more uniform in its improvement.

Secretary Redfield made his usual report on business conditions at the cabinet meeting. White House officials said there was every indication that business was better than it has been in many years.

Harrison, J. Allen Smith, Sr., S. G. Thomson, J. Fuller Lyon, Dr. L. T. Hill, P. B. Speed, R. E. Hill, and J. M. Gambrell; active, W. P. Greene, W. N. Graydon, Fred Cason, J. F. Miller, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Dr. F. S. Killingsworth, L. C. Haskell, J. Fraser Lyon.

Mr. DeBruhl was a Knight Templar, a Shriner and an Odd Fellow. He was initiated into Columbia commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, January 18, 1898.